## Gladstone Area Schools

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Rep. LaFave-

Most of us in education recognize the need to offer students a variety of experiences and opportunities to best meet their varied needs and interests. HB 4106 provides schools with more tools to help students prepare for success after high school.

As the superintendent of two rural school districts in the Upper Peninsula, I appreciate the effort to address a clear need. As more employers talk about the need for talent, more students will need the valuable hands-on experience provided through an internship or work experience. Enabling schools to work with students and employers to design meaningful and rewarding internships and work experiences will allow more students to gain the knowledge and expertise that can best be learned on the job.

Without unnecessarily complicating the process, HB 4106 solves a very real problem in education in Michigan. Thank you for the foresight and the effort to make internships and work experiences more accessible to more of our students.

Regards,

Dr. Jay Kulbertis, Superintendent